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*Change to the Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Edits for Ambulance Transports to and from a Diagnostic or Therapeutic Site other than a Hospital*

**Key Words**

Ambulance, Transport, Skilled, Nursing, Facility, SNF, Consolidated, Billing, Edits, CB, Diagnostic, Site, Therapeutic, Part B, Service, Claim, Part A, Stay, Rate

**Provider Types Affected**

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and suppliers of ambulance services

**Key Points**

- The effective date for this instruction is October 1, 2004.
- Claim for ambulance transportation of a Medicare beneficiary in a Part A SNF stay or from a diagnostic or therapeutic center other than a hospital will be denied.
- All Medicare-covered Part A services that are deemed to be within an SNF's scope or capability are considered paid in the SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.
- Ambulance transports to or from diagnostic or therapeutic sites other than a hospital are considered paid in the SNF rate and may not be billed as Part B services to carrier.

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